

**The Painter Wants
His Christmas Dinner**

Just as much as any other man, I want to help my journeyman to buy the Christmas turkeys by giving me the contract to paint your house now instead of waiting till spring. That will be an act of practical charity, as you'll get better work than if you pay it off, because I have none but skill mechanics now, but in the spring run I often have to hire strangers that I know little about.

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